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our journal covers and reserve the printed page for results or, at least, for such statement of difference in opinion as will display good sportsmanship? I appeal for professional courtesy among scientists.

In this connection it is a pleasure to acknowledge a letter from Dr. C. Hart Merriam in which he advises the use of the vernacular name "lodge-pole pine" instead of "tamarack pine" and of "Sierra Chickaree" instead of "Douglas Chickaree" as published in my "Notes from the Region of Lake Tahoe" (CONDOR, XXII, 1920, p. 78). I accept the suggestion as being in the interest of better use of the vernacular name, and extend my thanks to Dr. Merriam.

LOYE MILLER, *Southern Branch, University of California, December 15, 1920.*

#### MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS SOUTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—Regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club (Southern Division) was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, at 8:00 P. M., December 30, 1920. Members present: Mesdames Bicknell, Fargo, Law and Martin; Messrs. Appleton, Bishop, Brown, Chambers, Hanaford, King, Lamb, Law, Little, Miller, Nokes, Pierce, Rich, Robertson, Ross, Taylor, van Rossem, Wood and Wyman. Among the visitors were Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Fargo. On motion by van Rossem, seconded by Lamb, Dr. Bishop's paper on birds of the Monterey Bay region was presented before business matters were taken up.

Following a short recess, minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, while those of the Northern Division for the same month were read by title only. Applicants whose names were previously presented were declared elected, on motion by Mr. Appleton that the Secretary cast a favoring vote. New presentations were: Dale T. Wood, 1470 E. Wilson Ave., Glendale, by Alfred Cookman; Mrs. C. H. Hall, 512 W. 30th St., Los Angeles, by Mrs. F. T. Bicknell; Dean Farnsworth, 1009 Manning St., Winfield, Kans., by Rev. P. B. Peabody; Elmer I. Applegate, Klamath Falls, Ore., by Mrs. F. M. Bailey; Howard W. Wright, 830 No. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, Calif., by A. J. van Rossem; W. Stanley Kitt, 129 So. 5th Ave., Tucson, Ariz., by Charles T. Vorhies; Richard Bramkamp, Banning, Calif., and Dr. F. D. West, Beaumont, Calif., both by M. French Gilman; John Beatty Hurley, 225 East E St., Yakima, Wash., by J. Hooper Bowles. The Northern Division sent names as follows: Mrs. Lewis Arnold, Lewis Ar-

nold, Mrs. Lydia Wilcox, Mrs. Flora Dudley, Geo. B. Culver, Ynez Mexia de Reygadas, Wm. Duncan Strong, Harold Hammond Cozens, Mildred Kellogg, Mrs. Charles Gilman Hyde.

The nominating committee reported as follows: For President, Donald R. Dickey; Vice-President, L. H. Miller; Secretary, L. E. Wyman. Dr. Miller withdrew in favor of Mr. A. B. Howell. On motion of Dr. Rich the report was accepted and the committee discharged. Nominations were closed on motion of Mr. Lamb, seconded by van Rossem.

On behalf of the business managers, Mr. Law offered a resolution relative to certain constitutional amendments, a copy of which was submitted to the members. His motion that this resolution be adopted was seconded by Dr. Nokes, to be voted upon at the January meeting.

Inspection of a series of shore-bird skins, and the usual round of informal discussion, completed the session. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary.*

JANUARY.—Regular meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8 P. M., at the Museum of History, Science and Art, January 27, 1921. Vice-President Rich presided, with others in attendance as follows: Miss Beers; Mesdames Bicknell, Brownlee, Fargo and Hall; Messrs. Appleton, Barnes, Bishop, Brown, Chambers, Colburn, Howell, King, Lamb, Little, Nokes, Pierce, Selwyn Rich, Ross, van Rossem and Wyman. Fourteen visitors were present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved; followed by reading of those of the Northern Division. Persons whose names were presented at that meeting were elected, on motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by van Rossem, that the Secretary be instructed to cast a favoring ballot. New presentations were: Dr. A. G. Prill, Scio, Ore., by Stanley G. Jewett; Albert F. Ganier, 2507 Ashwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. D. Barnard Bull, Route A, Box 158, San Jose, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. A. J. French, Carlton, Ore., and Russell Reid, Bismarck, No. Dakota, by F. M. Bailey.

A letter from the Secretary of the Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, announcing Berkeley as the meeting place for 1921, August 4th to 6th as the date, was read by the Secretary. Election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up. On motion of Mr. Appleton, seconded by Dr. Nokes, the rules

were suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the club for Messrs. Dickey for President, Howell for Vice-President, and Wyman for Secretary. Motion carried and nominees declared elected. Consideration of other business matters was postponed on motion of Mr. Lamb until after the Secretary's paper on "Birds of the Thunder Mountain Trail."

Following a short recess the revised constitution presented at the December meeting was read and after long discussion was adopted by a vote of nine to three. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club met at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, December 16, at 8 P. M. President Wright presided and those in attendance were: Mesdames Allen, Bennet, Bridges, Grinnell, Law, Pringle, E. D. Roe, G. T. Roe, Thomson, and Wythe; Messrs. Bell, Bryant, Carriger, Cooper, Dixon, Emerson, Evermann, Grinnell, Lastreto, Law, Mailliard, McLean, Noack, Ritter, Storer, and Wright; Visitors: Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Evermann, Mrs. Reygadas, Miss Howitt, Miss Wythe, Mr. Martens, and Mr. Baker. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Lydia Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Chas. Gilman Hyde, and Mr. Geo. B. Culver were elected members of the Club. The seventeen names presented at the October meeting of the Southern Division were also approved. New proposals were: Mrs. Flora Dudley, Hotel Paisley, Geary near Mason, San Francisco, by Mrs. E. D. Roe; Mrs. Ynes Mexia de Reygadas, Room 401, Medical Bldg., Hyde and Bush, San Francisco, Wm. Duncan Strong, 2522 Ridge Road, Berkeley, Miss Mildred Kellogg, 2232 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, and Mr. Harold Hammond Cozens, 3071 Bateman St., Berkeley, by Dr. H. C. Bryant.

Nominations for officers for the year 1921 resulted in the presentation of the following names to be voted on at the January meeting: For President, Mr. Curtis Wright; for Vice-President, Mr. H. S. Swarth; for Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Allen. All nominations were promptly closed.

Business completed, the club was privileged to listen to a paper by Prof. Wm. E. Ritter on "The Acorn-storing Habits of the California Woodpecker". The speaker deplored the existence of a great gap between laboratory science and the field observations

of naturalists, and urged more complete tabulation of data obtained by careful observation of animals in the wild. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club met at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, January 26, at 8 P. M. President Wright presided and those in attendance were: Mesdames Allen, Blake, Burk, Flinn, Griffin, Grinnell, Law, McLellan, Reygadas, Rush, and Thomson; Messrs. Cox, Dixon, Emerson, Evermann, Grinnell, Lastreto, Law, Mailliard, McKibben, McLean, Miller, Storer, Swarth, and Wright. Visitors: Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. Del Port, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Evermann, Mrs. Thomson, and Mr. Jencks. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Flora Dudley, Mrs. Reygadas, Mr. Strong, Miss Kellogg, and Mr. Cozens were elected members of the Club. New proposals were: Miss Una Boyle, 132 Laurel Place, San Rafael, by T. I. Storer; Mrs. Margaret Morse Nice, Norman, Oklahoma, by J. R. Pemberton; Mr. Reginald C. Robbins, Hot Springs Ave., Santa Barbara, by J. Grinnell; Mr. Carroll McGettigan, 2644 Filbert St., San Francisco, by Dr. Evermann; George H. Kellogg, 2526 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley.

A letter asking for two representatives on the Affiliations Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was read. The president, instructed by vote of the Club, appointed Mr. Joseph Mailliard and Mrs. A. S. Allen to that committee. On motion of Dr. Grinnell, seconded by Mr. Mailliard, resolutions forwarded by Dr. Bryant relative to the taking of specimens, were referred to a committee appointed by the President (later announced to consist of Dr. Grinnell, Mr. Storer, and Mr. Swarth), said committee to report at the February meeting. Mr. Law then outlined plans for proposed changes in the constitution providing for more definite organization of the Club under a Board of Governors.

Mr. Lastreto presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mr. Curtis Wright; Vice-President, Mr. H. S. Swarth; Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Allen.

Business completed, Dr. T. T. Waterman outlined some of the Indian myths relating to the Raven, the Thunder Bird, the Coyote, and other birds and animals. After discussion and exchange of observations the Club adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.